

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—JULY 25, 1887.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, July 25th, A. D. 1887, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Thomas E. Endly, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, and Wright—9.

ABSENT, 1—viz: Alderman Brown.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session held July 11th, 1887, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following special message was read:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Common Council, in adjourned session held in the Council Chamber Monday evening, July 11th, 1887, *non* concurred in the action of your honorable body in directing the City Clerk to have printed five hundred copies, for distribution, of G. O. 14, 1887, the "Natural Gas Ordinance."

Respectfully submitted, MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

On motion by Alderman Wright, the Board receded from its former action of adopting the motion.

The following message was read and received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith the following papers for your consideration, favorably passed upon by the Common Council at a regular session, held Monday evening, July 11th, 1887.

For the Common Council:

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

The report from His Honor, the Mayor, showing the amount of fines and fees collected during the month of June, 1887, (see page 470, *ante*), was read and received.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, submitting certain contracts and bonds (see page 473, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The report from the City Clerk, showing the amount of rent collected for Tomlinson Hall, during June, 1887, (see page 474, *ante*), was read and received.

The report from the City Clerk, showing the amount of orders drawn upon the City Treasury during the month of June, 1887 (see page 474, *ante*), was read and received.

The report of the Treasurer for the City, showing receipts and disbursements for June, 1887, (see page 475, *ante*), was read and received.

The report from the City Attorney and City Clerk, on Sellers Farm, (see pages 474 and 475, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The semi-annual report of the Chief Fire Engineer (see 477, *ante*), was read and received.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, showing expense of Street Repair Department for the month of June, 1887, (see pages 477 and 478, *ante*), was read and received.

The following report from the Board of Public Improvements (see page 478, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report thereon as follows:

1st Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean Washington street, and repair the same with broken stone, from Noble street to Reid street.

Recommend the work be done.

2d. To repair the approaches to Arsenal avenue, on Ohio street.

Recommend the work be done.

3d. To repair the first alley crossing the sidewalk on Pine street, south of Michigan street, on the west side. Recommend the work be done.

4th. To repair the brick sidewalk at the northeast corner of Railroad and Michigan streets. Recommend the work be done.

5th. To fill the chuck holes at the corner of Archer and Michigan streets.

Recommend the work be done.

6th. To clean the gutters on Indiana avenue, from North street to Fall Creek.

Recommend the work be done.

7th. To fill all the chuck-holes on Indiana avenue, from North street to Fall Creek, with broken stone. Recommend the work be done.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Herig,

C. H. Stuckmeyer,

R. McClelland,

Board of Public Improvements.

The report of the Board of City Commissioners in the matter of widening the alley through the middle of the north one-half of Square 87, City of Indianapolis, and the following resolution relative thereto, (see pages 479 to 484, *ante*), were read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis Indiana, That the report of the Board of City Commissioners in the matter of widening to a width of fifty feet so much of the alley lying between Meridian and Illinois streets as lies south of the south line of Georgia street and north of the first alley south of Georgia street; all in the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, as described in said report of the Board of City Commissioners, be, and

the same is hereby in all things accepted, adopted, and approved. And in accordance with said report the parcels of land specifically described in said report, to-wit:

Thirty-five (35) feet off of the east end of Lot twelve (12), in Square eighty-seven (87), known as Lot one (1) and five (5) feet off of the east side of Lot two (2) in Mothershead's heirs' subdivision of Lot twelve (12) in Square eighty-seven (87).

Also, thirty-five (35) feet off of the east end of Lot eleven (11) in Square eighty-seven (87).

Also, thirty five (35) feet off of the east end of the north half of Lot ten (10) in Square eighty-seven (87.) Also, thirty-five (35) feet off of the east end of the south half of Lot ten (10) in Square eighty-seven (87.)

All being in the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, be and the same are hereby appropriated, and the damages awarded, with the benefits assessed, by said Board of Commissioners in this matter are hereby in all things approved and confirmed.

Resolved further, That the parties against whom benefits are assessed in said report be, and they are hereby ordered to pay to the Treasurer for the city the amount of benefits assessed over the damages by reason of such widening.

And that the City Clerk be directed to deliver a certified copy of so much of said report of the Board of City Commissioners as assesses benefits and damages upon real estate, and in which the real estate so assessed is described, with the owners thereof, to the Treasurer for the city; and to copy the entire report of said City Commissioners into the records of the Common Council, and to file and preserve the original.

Provided, That before said street is opened to the public, or any damages are paid, all of the benefits awarded in their said report shall be paid into the city treasury, and no person shall be paid any damages until he shall have removed all the buildings on said proposed street.

Provided, further, That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby, instructed to make out and have recorded in the office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana, the proper certified copy of proceedings and plat as required by law.

And the favorable action of the Common Council thereon was concurred in, and the resolution concurrently adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

The report of the Committee on Accounts and Claims, on the claim of J. L. Spaulding (see page 482, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The report of the Committee on Railroads and City Attorney, on the communication of A. W. Johnson, President of the Citizens' Street Railway Company, (see pages 486 and 487, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The following motions (see pages 491 and 493, *ante*), were read, and the action of the Common Council, in referring them to the Board of Public Improvements, with power to act, was concurred in:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the gutters on the south side of Massachusetts avenue, between Liberty and Noble streets.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on north West street, between North and Sixth streets, and Blake street, on the east side, between Indiana avenue and North streets.

The following motions (see pages 491 and 492, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill the chuck-holes on Noble street, between North and New York streets.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters on Liberty street, between North and New York streets.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the crossing of Chesapeake and the west side of Pennsylvania street, as the same is now dangerous to teamsters that have to drive there.

The following message was read and received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith the following papers for your consideration, favorably passed upon by the Common Council at its regular session held Monday evening, July 18th, 1887.

For the Common Council:

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

The report of the City Civil Engineer, accompanied with estimates (see page 513, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The following estimate resolution (see page 513, *ante*), was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Meridian street, from Morris street to the first alley north of Palmer street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 513, *ante*), was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Freaney Brothers, for erecting two lamp posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Gregg street, between New Jersey and East streets, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, relative to the contract of Henry Clay, to improve Dorman street (see page 514, *ante*), was read and received.

The following motion relative to the foregoing subject (see page 514, *ante*), was read and concurrently adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to re advertise for bids for the improvement of Dorman street, from Michigan street to St. Clair street; the expense of said advertisement to be paid by Henry Clay, said Clay having failed to file his bond in proper time.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer (see pages 514 and 515, *ante*), was read:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermeu:

Gentlemen:—On June 6th and 13th, 1887, the report of the City Commissioners in the matter of opening the street commonly known as "Viaduct street," was concurred in and adopted, since which time everything has been ready, as far as is required by the city, for the erection of the Union Railway viaduct.

I am informed by V. T. Malott, Vice-President and Manager of said company, that the amount of damages which said Union Railway Company should pay for the condemnation of the right-of-way, is, and has been for some time, ready to be paid into the treasury.

Since the adoption of the report of the City Commissioners, however, four parties, to wit: Frank M. Dell, William Dell, G. R. Root and Peter F. Bryce, have filed appeal bonds. I am informed by V. T. Malott, Esq., that, were it not for the appeals, the Union Railway Company are ready and willing to proceed with the erection of the viaduct and to pay all damages assessed against said company by reason of said opening, but that he thinks the work of erection will be delayed in consequence thereof. I beg leave to inform you that a delay until the cases can be heard on an appeal, will simply mean that the viaduct will not be built this year.

Respectfully submitted.

S. H. SHERER, City Civil Engineer.

And the action of the Common Council thereon was concurred in, by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS, 1—viz: Alderman Scemidt.

The report from the City Attorney, submitting a lease for two years on the West Market property (see page 515, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The communication from A. W. Johnson, President of the Citizens' Street Railway Company (see page 515, *ante*), was read and received.

The following motions (see pages 518 and 519, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters and fill the chuch-holes on Blake street, from Washington street to Indiana avenue.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill up the chuck holes on New York street, from Douglass street to Agnes street.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to place a culvert over the gutter on the east^side of Meridian street at Merill street.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the well and place therein a Howe rotary pump, located at 190 East Washington street.

The following entitled ordinance (passed by the Common Council) was read the first time :

Ap. O. 41, 1887—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of a certain claim against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Tomlinson Hall. [Amount appropriated, \$90.40.]

On motion by Alderman King, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of placing the foregoing entitled ordinance on its final passage, by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 41, 1887, was then read the second and third times and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Contracts and Bridges, through Alderman Wright, submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

"To the Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts and Bridges, to whom was referred the matter of a bridge over the State Ditch on Alvord street, recommend to concur in the action of the Common Council.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. Wright,
H. J. Prier,
Lorenz Schmidt,
Committee on Contracts and Bridges."

The Committee on Public Light and Education, through Alderman King, submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The Gas Committee, to whom was referred Special Ordinance No. 12, would most respectfully recommend that the Ordinance be passed.

Respectfully,

Isaac King,
H. W. Laut,
James A. Pritchard.

The Committee on Railroads and Public Charities, through Alderman Laut, submitted the following report :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Railroads has examined the following entitled ordinance: "An Ordinance authorizing the Chicago, St. Louis and Pittsburg Railroad Co. to lay an additional track on Maryland street." And recommend the ordinance not to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Laut,
Lorenz Schmidt,
Committee on Railroads.

Alderman Laut moved that the report be adopted.

Alderman Pritchard moved as a substitute, that the report be referred back to the same committee, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Which was adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Rail, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS, 2—viz: Aldermen Prier, and Schmidt.

The Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, through Alderman Schmidt, submitted the following report; which was adopted:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your committee to whom you referred in the meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, held on May 23rd and June 13th, 1887, the following motions and clauses of the report from the Board of Public Improvements, viz:

STONE CROSSINGS.

- 8th. On Washington street, east side of Missouri street.
Recommend the work be not done.
- 9th. On street and alley crossings on Harrison street.
Recommend one crossing be placed across the alley, south side, between Noble and English avenue.
- 10th. On McCarty street, between East street and Virginia avenue.
Recommend the work be not done.
- 11th. On Linden street, alley crossings, between Prospect and Orange streets.
Recommend the work be not done.
- 12th. On Olive street, alley crossings, between Orange street and Pleasant Run.
Recommend the work be not done.
- 13th. On the east side of Kentucky avenue, across Missouri street,
Recommend the work be done.
- 14th. On south side of Maryland street, across Missouri street.
Recommend the work be done with broken stone.
- 15th. On west side of West street, across Merrill street.
Recommend the work be done.
- 16th. On Prospect street, across Linden street.
Recommend the work be not done.
- 18th. On Delaware street, between Merrill and Duncan streets,
Recommend the work be not done.
- 19th. On Delaware street, from the southwest corner of Maryland street to northeast corner.
Recommend the work be not done.
- 21st. On Michigan street, east side of Blackford street.
Recommend the work be not done.
- That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to lay stone crossings across the alleys on Linden Street, from Prospect street to Orange street.
- That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to lay stone crossings across the alleys on the east side of Shelby street, from Prospect street to Pleasant Run.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to lay stone crossings across the alleys on the north side of Woodlawn avenue, from Dillon street to Reid streets.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to lay double stone crossings across Woodlawn avenue on the west side of Linden street; also, double stone crossings across Linden street, on the south side of Woodlawn avenue, being the approaches to Edwin Ray M. E. Church.

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to direct the Street Commissioner to provide an increased capacity of sewer for carrying off the water from the gutter on North Alabama street into the State Ditch.

Has examined into said matters, and we recommend that the same be so adopted and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorenz Schmidt,

John Rail,

Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage.

Alderman Rail offered the following motion :

That the resolution referred to the Judiciary Committee, relating to the placing of platforms on the street cars, be recalled from the committee and that the action of the Council be concurred in.

Alderman Pritchard moved that the motion be received.

Alderman Prier moved as a substitute, that the motion be adopted.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote :

AYES, 4—viz: Aldermen Prier, Rail, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS, 5—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, and Schmidt.

On motion by Alderman King, the following resolution (adopted by the Common Council) which was referred to the Building Committee at the last meeting, was recalled from the committee and read :

WHEREAS, the restarant under Tomlinson Hall was originally appraised by the Market Committee at \$800.00, and was unsold; and

Whereas, It was again appraised at \$600.00, and again unsold; therefore

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the Market Master of the East Market be ordered to sell at auction, to the highest bidder, on Saturday morning, July 16th, at 10 o'clock, A. M. in the restaurant space, said restaurant; and the City Clerk is hereby ordered to execute to the highest bidder at such sale, a lease therefor on the same terms that the other leases to the stands and spaces in and about the East Market space have been made: *Provided*, That no bid less than \$500.00 be received.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time :

S. O. 12, 1887—An ordinance to provide for the erection of one lamp-post, lamp and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Walnut street, between New Jersey street and East street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times:

S. O. 100, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Eleventh (or Reagan) street, from Central avenue to the L. E. & W. Railroad tracks, and widening the sidewalks thereof.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

THOMAS E. ENDLY, President.

Attest: JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.